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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR ELECTED TO STATE POST

WAKE FOREST, NC – August 7, 2006 – Tom Hodges, chairman of the Wake Forest Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, has been elected the 2006-07 Vice-Chair of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Association's Citizen Board Division. Hodges was chosen at the 27th Annual Citizen-Board Member State Forum in Greensboro, August 3-5.

Hodges has been an active member of the group since attending his first forum in 2005. After serving on the planning committee responsible for organizing this year's forum, Hodges was elected vice-chair during Saturday morning's business session. His three-year term will culminate in 2008-09 when he serves as chairman.

This year's forum was attended by over 120 members of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Association. The association is open to any member of a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in North Carolina.

Session topics ranged from "Preparing Parks and Recreation Ambassadors" to "Healthy Parks-Healthy Communities." The theme of the three-day forum was "Changing Lives, Impacting Communities through Parks and Recreation."

Hodges has been a member of the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Board since 2003.

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